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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Eric J. BERGMAN

APPLICATION No.: 09/621,028

FILED: JULY 21, 2000

FOR: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A  
WORKPIECE SUCH AS A SEMICONDUCTOR  
WAFER**

EXAMINER: Z. EL ARINI

ART UNIT: 1746

CONF. NO: 4066

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following are Applicant's comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the September 10, 2004, Notice of Allowability.

Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in relation to claim 1, although claim 1 further describes the ozone reacting at the surface of the wafer, to process the wafer. Claims 2-34 are allowable for reasons other than, or in addition to, those listed in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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